

U.S. ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and of other good and valuable consideration paid to the undersigned inventors (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) by:

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(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the entire and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention entitled:

DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR HYBRID VEHICLE

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on _____, and assigned Serial No. _____ (Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC is hereby authorized to insert the series code, serial number and/or filing date hereon, when known) and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute, reissue or reexamination thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

The ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with application and any continuing, divisional, reissue or reexamination applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or expedient.

The ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference, litigation, or other legal proceeding which may be declared concerning this application or any continuation, division, reissue or reexamination thereof or Letters Patent or reissue patent issued thereon and to cooperate with the ASSIGNEE in every way possible in obtaining and producing evidence and proceeding with such interference, litigation, or other legal proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned inventors have affixed their signatures.

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